CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

| Investigator: | | Team: | CCRB Case #: | $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ | Force | $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ | Discourt. | U.S. |
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| Thomas Juliano | | Squad #6 | 202008256 | ☑ | Abuse | | O.L. | Injury |
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| Incident Date(s) | | Location of Incident: | | F | Precinct: | | Mo. SOL | EO SOL |
| Tuesday, 12/15/2020 5:00 PM | | § 87(2)(b) | _ | | 48 | 6 | /15/2022 | 6/15/2022 |
| Date/Time CV Reported | | CV Reported At: | How CV Reported: | : | Date/Time | Rec | eived at CC | RB |
| Thu, 12/17/2020 11:27 AM | CCRB | | Call Processing System | | Thu, 12/17/2020 11:27 AM | | | |
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| Subject Officer(s) | Shield | TaxID | Command | | | | | |
| 1. An officer | | | 048 PCT | | | | | |
| 2. PO Jason Garcia | 18851 | 967885 | 048 PCT | | | | | |
| 3. PO Danilo Mcleish | 11531 | 967599 | 048 PCT | | | | | |
| 4. PO Richard Kissane | 30366 | 967143 | 048 PCT | | | | | |
| Witness Officer(s) | Shield N | o Tax No | Cmd Name | | | | | |
| 1. POM Juan Acostavilla | 30227 | 966924 | 048 PCT | | | | | |
| 2. PO Nicole Krauss | 03187 | 961535 | 048 PCT | | | | | |
| Officer(s) | Allegatio | on | | | Inve | estig | ator Recor | nmendation |
| A.PO Richard Kissane | Abuse: P § 87(2)(b) | olice Officer Richard K | issane entered in the Bronx. | | | | | |
| B.PO Jason Garcia | Force: Po | olice Officer Jason Garc wall. | ia hit ^{§ 87(2)(b)} | | | | | |
| C.PO Danilo Mcleish | Force: Po against a | olice Officer Danilo Mcwall. | Leish hit § 87(2)(b) | | | | | |
| D.PO Jason Garcia | Force: Po § 87(2)(b) | olice Officer Jason Garc | ia used a chokehold | aga | inst | | | |
| E.PO Jason Garcia | Force: Poagainst § 8 | olice Officer Jason Garc 37(2)(b) | ia used physical forc | ce | | | | |
| F.PO Jason Garcia | | esy: Police Officer Jason cously to § 87(2)(b) | n Garcia spoke | | | | | |
| G.PO Jason Garcia | | olice Officer Jason Gardvith the use of force. | cia threatened § 87(2)(b) | | | | | |
| H.PO Danilo Mcleish | | esy: Police Officer Dani cously to § 87(2)(b) | ilo McLeish spoke | | | | | |
| I.PO Danilo Mcleish | Discourte discourte | esy: Police Officer Dani cously to § 87(2)(b) | ilo McLeish spoke | | | | | |
| J. An officer | Force: A | n officer used physical t | force against § 87(2)(b) | | | | | |
| K. An officer | Force: A | n officer used physical t | force against § 87(2)(b) | | | | | |

Case Summary

filed this complaint with the CCRB on behalf of

On December 17, 2020, \$ \$87(2)(6)

| nersen and her initiof sons, \$ \$ (2)(6) | SH(1 3 81(2)(0) | via the Can Processing System. |
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| On December 5, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., serce her building, located at \$87(2)(b) | | |
| Garcia and PO Danilo McLeish along w | ith other officer from | the 48 th Precinct responded to the |
| location. The officers determined that be | oth § 87(2)(b) and he | er neighbor would be arrested and PO |
| Kissane and officers followed § 87(2)(b) | into her apartment | to arrest her (Allegation A – Abuse |
| of Authority: § 87(2)(g) | arcia and PO McLeish | allegedly slammed § 87(2)(6) into a |
| wall (Allegations B and C - Force: \$870 |). PO Garcia | placed § 87(2)(b) into a chokehold |
| (Allegation D – Force: §87(2)(2) | PO Garcia forcibly to | ook § 87(2)(b) to the floor |
| (Allegation E – Force: §87(2)(g)). Po | O Garcia told § 87(2)(b) | "You're going to get fucking |
| tased," and arced his taser (Allegation I | | |
| Authority: § 87(2)(2)). PO McLeish s | aid to § 87(2)(b) "C | Five me your fucking hands" |
| Allegation H – Discourtesy (1870)(2) |). After the officers | placed § 87(2)(6) in handcuffs the |
| officers escorted her out of the building. | While walking out, P | O McLeish said "bloodclot" while |
| speaking with \$87(2)(b) (Allegation 1 | [– Discourtesy: § 87(2)(g |). After the incident, § |
| learned that the officers alleged | ly pushed her two chil | dren, \$ 87(2)(b) and \$ 87(2)(b) ₀ |
| (Allegation J and K – Force: | § 87(2)(g) § 87(2)(b) | arrest was voided after they |
| officers deemed her to not be the primar | v aggressor. | _ |

Ten BWC videos of this incident were obtained and can be found in IAs #94-103. A summary of the footage can be found in IA #106 (Board Review 01).

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Richard Kissane entered in the Bronx. On December 15, 2020, at approximately 4:51 p.m., seroes called 911 following a physical altercation with a tenant on the second floor of her building. Approximately six to seven officers from the 48th Precinct arrived within three to four minutes, and second met them in front of the noted that she had building and explained that she had fought with her neighbor. § \$7(2)(6) sustained injuries after the altercation with her neighbor, including a laceration above her right eye and bruising and bleeding from her mouth. § \$(0)0 dentures on her bottom teeth were also broken. One of the officers asked \$87000 if she needed medical attention, to which she said yes. The officers went to the second floor to speak with the neighbor who was involved in the altercation. During that time, \$87(2)(6) went back up to her apartment. \$87(2)(6) children were in the apartment at the time, including her eight-year-old son, \$87(2)(6) and her 11-year-EMS arrived on scene and \$87(2)(6) sat on the steps in the hallway while EMS examined her. One of the EMTs stated that he needed to get gauze from the ambulance, and stated that she had some in her apartment and would go get it. § \$7(2)(6) enter her apartment, and approximately four officers followed her up the stairs to the third floor. The officers did not say anything to \$87(2)(6) including telling her to stop or that she was under arrest, and she continued moving towards her apartment. She realized that the officers were approaching her and asked what they needed while simultaneously walking backwards into her apartment. The officers did not respond. \$87(2)(6) allowed the officers to enter her apartment with her and asked them why they were there, to which the officers did not respond. stood with the officers in a small hallway in her apartment near the front door (Board Review 02).

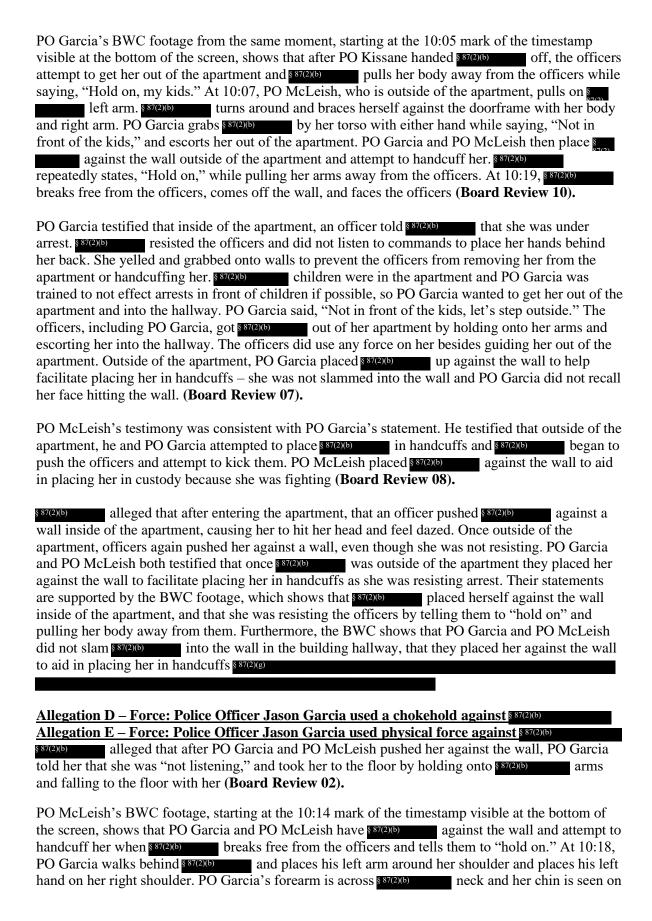
the landing between the two floors when PO Kissane speaks with PO Holmes about 187000

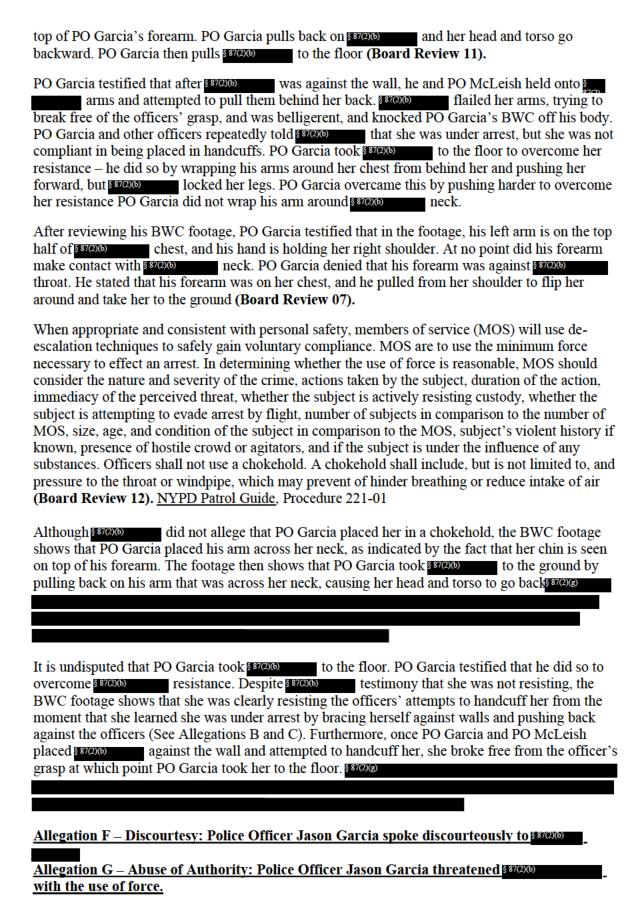
PO Richard Kissane's BWC footage, starting at the 09:00, shows that \$87(2)(6)

being under arrest. §87(2)(6) walks up the stairs and into her apartment and PO Kissane follows. walks into her apartment, looks back at PO Kissane approaching her, and says, "You can come in." PO Kissane replies, "Yeah, we're coming in." The officers then enter her apartment into a hallway near the front door (Board Review 03). As PO Kissane entered the apartment first, this allegation is pleaded to him. PO Kissane testified that he was backing PO Holmes, to whom the job was assigned. PO Holmes interviewed \$87(2)(6) and the neighbor would both be arrested as they were cross complainants. \$87(2)(6) who was previously lingering on the stairs despite being ordered to go back to her apartment, ran to her apartment. PO Kissane believed that she heard PO Holmes state that she was under arrest due to her sudden willingness to go to her apartment. PO Kissane followed 3000 and PO Juan Acostavilla, PO Nicole Krauss, PO Garcia, and PO McLeish followed. PO Kissane got to save apartment door first, which was open, and \$87(2)(6) told PO Kissane that he could enter unprompted (Board Review 04). PO Acostavilla, PO Krauss, PO Garcia, and PO McLeish's statements were generally consistent with PO Kissane's statement and each officer testified that they also entered \$3000 apartment to place her under arrest (Board Review 05, 06, 07, 08). The hot pursuit doctrine stated that a criminal suspect may not thwart an otherwise proper arrest which has been set in motion in a public place by retreating into his residence People v. Caputo, 155 A.D.3d 648 (2017) (Board Review 09). PO Kissane's statement was consistent with his BWC footage which shows that the officers decided to arrest \$87(2)(6) in a public place, after which she entered into her apartment and invited the officers inside. § 87(2)(g) Allegation B – Force: Police Officer Jason Garcia hit \$87(2)(6) against a wall. against a wall. Allegation C – Force: Police Officer Danilo McLeish hit \$87(2)(6) testified that after the officers were in the apartment, \$87(2)(6) raised her left hand to point to the living room and stated that her children were in that room. PO Kissane grabbed left hand and pushed her into the wall face first. [87(2)(3) hit the right side of her face on the wall and felt dazed. The officers then took her into the building hallway. In the hallway, the officers pushed services face first against a wall again. Services was not physically fighting the officers or resisting in any way, although she was yelling and asking the officers what they were doing (Board Review 02). PO Kissane's BWC footage, starting at the 09:19 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of the screen, shows that after PO Kissane entered sarous apartment he grabbed her left elbow. asks, "You're locking me up?" PO Kissane replies, "Yes, you're under arrest." \$87(2)(6) places her right hand on the corner of the wall and pulls away from PO Kissane while stating, "My Kids." PO Kissane pulls her hand off the wall and passed 887(2)(6) off to PO Krauss, PO Garcia, and PO McLeish who stand near the doorway. At no point is saying pushed into a wall inside

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of her apartment (Board Review 03).





Allegation H – Discourtesy: Police Officer Danilo McLeish spoke discourteously to 887(2)(6) alleged that after PO Garcia took her to the floor, she laid face down on the ground. put her hands in front of herself, turned onto her back, and asked what the officers were doing. PO Garcia pointed his taser at \$87(2)(6) face and said, "You kicked me." § 87(2)(6) denied kicking PO Garcia (Board Review 02). PO McLeish's BWC footage, starting at the 10:23 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of the screen, shows that after PO Garcia took \$87(2)(b) to the floor, she lays on her back and attempts to get up. PO Garcia pushes her back down and orders her to turn around. [887(2)(6)] says, "No, you're not going to do this to me." PO Garcia continues to struggle to get \$87(2)(b) turned onto her stomach. At 10:37, PO Garcia says to street "You're going to get fucking tased." PO Garcia then draws his taser, takes off the prong pack, points it at \$87(2)(6) and arcs it § 87(2)(b) in drive stun mode, though the taser is never placed against § 87(2)(b) asks, "What am I doing?" before voluntarily turning onto her stomach. PO Garcia and PO McLeish then attempt to handcuff \$87(2)(b) At 11:01, PO McLeish says, "Give me your fucking hands." \$87(2)(b) right hand, which is toward PO McLeish, is out of view and it is unclear what \$87(2)(b) in this moment. PO Garcia and PO McLeish then handcuff [887(2)(6)] and stand her up (Board Review 11). PO Garcia testified that while on the floor, \$87(2)(b) continued to flail her arms and kicked and successfully made contact with PO Garcia's groin. PO Garcia removed his taser, took off the prong pack, and issued a warning arc by pointing it toward her and arching the taser. PO Garcia was trained in utilizing a warning arc to gain compliance in the Police Academy. § 87(2)(b) became compliant and the officers placed her in handcuffs. PO Garcia did not recall using profanity while speaking with \$87(2)(b) The officers then stood \$87(2)(b) up. After reviewing PO McLeish's BWC footage, PO Garcia acknowledged that the video showed that he used profanity, but PO Garcia did not recall doing so, did not know why he used profanity and did not know if he was using it to stress the seriousness of his command. PO Garcia pointed the taser at §87(2)(6) face to display the arc warning to her – even though the red dot is illuminated, the darts were not installed and could not be deployed (Board Review 07). PO McLeish testified that on the ground, § 87(2)(b) pulled her arms way from the officers and kicking them. \$87(2)(b) kicked PO McLeish in his leg – he did not respond and just focused on placing her in handcuffs. PO McLeish did not recall if PO Garcia had his taser out or if he arced his taser. After reviewing his BWC footage, he acknowledged that the video shows PO Garcia arcing his taser, but PO McLeish did not have an independent recollection of this moment. PO McLeish identified himself as the officer saying, "give me your fucking hands." He used the profanity to stress the seriousness of his command and to get her to comply with the order to place her hands behind her back. (Board Review 08).

Police officers must be courteous and respectful when dealing with civilians NYPD Patrol Guide. Procedure 203-09 (Board Review 13). While officers are allowed to use discourteous language during stressful situations, officers are only permitted to do so when scenes are so chaotic that the duty of courteousness and professional behavior should be overridden by the immediate need to maintain order Disciplinary Case No. 2018-18951 (Board Review 14).

According to Patrol Guide Procedure 221-08, a Taser, or Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW), should only be used against person who is actively resisting, exhibiting active aggression, or to prevent individuals from physically injuring themselves or others present. Active resisting includes physically evasive movements to defeat a member's attempt at control. A Warning Arc is the

discharge of a CEW, with the cartridge removed, that displays a visible and audible arcing or electricity between the front electrodes of the CEW to the intended subject. A Warning Arc may be used to attempt to achieve voluntary compliance (Board Review 15).

| PO McLeish's BWC footage shows that from the moment the officers initiated the arrest, resisted them, braced herself against walls, pushed back against the officers, and successfully pulled her body away from the officers (See Allegations A-E). After being taken to the floor, laid on her back, ignored commands to turn around, evaded the officers' grasps and resisted being placed into handcuffs throughout this portion of the incident. As per the Patrol Guide, PO Garcia could have used his Taser on because she actively resisted being placed into handcuffs. The Patrol Guide does not outline when, specifically, officers should conduct a 'Warning Arc.' |
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| Allegation I – Discourtesy: Police Officer Danilo McLeish spoke discourteously to |
| alleged that as PO McLeish was escorting down the stairs and to the police car, PO McLeish told "Bring your blood clot on." noted that this is a curse word in West Indian and Jamaican dialects and that it is the equivalent of calling someone "motherfucker. (Board Review 02). |
| PO McLeish' BWC footage, starting at the 13:00 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of the screen, shows that while walking out of the building says several things to PO McLeish, including calling him a pussy, telling him, "suck your mother," and calling him a "foreign bitch." PO McLeish initially responds by telling says several things to PO McLeish initially responds by telling to easy herself, but say wourself, but say wants her coat. PO McLeish responds, "I'll get everything, easy yourself. Easy yourself bloodclot." tells PO McLeish to easy himself and again calls him a pussy (Board Review 11). |
| PO McLeish initially did not recall using profanity with STOOD After reviewing the BWC footage, he testified that he told stood to be easy and said "Bloodclot" to stress the command to be easy. Bloodclot is a Jamaican Patois term used to stress something that is being said, but is not a discourteous term (Board Review 08). |

According to Urbandictonary.com, Bloodclot, is Jamaican slang equivalent to "fuck" and is often used as an interjection to express disgust or dismay. It's an insulting vulgarity that literally refers to either menstrual pads or toilet paper (Board Review 16).

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Despite PO McLeish's understanding of the meaning of the word, \$87(2)(b)

word is the equivalent of "motherfucker," and her statement is supported by the Urbandictionary.com definition, which shows the word is equivalent to "fuck." The BWC footage shows that (STO) was already in custody when PO McLeish made the discourteous statement, and that it was not used in the context of a chaotic situation. Allegation J – Force: An officer used physical force against Allegation K – Force: An officer used physical force against \$87000 testified that after the incident, she learned from her eight-year-old son, \$87(2)(6) and her 11-year-old son, \$3000 that the officers had physical altercations with her sons in the living room. However, she did not witness this. § 87(2)(6) told § 87(2)(b) that a black officer was "swinging" him, while \$3000 stated that another officer held his hands behind his back (Board Review 02). testified that after officers started to arrest same he tried to run over to by his right shoulder to prevent him from approaching An officer held § 87(2)(6) around so he faced away from and told him to relax. The officer turned § \$7(2)(b) § 87(2)(6) did not see officers use force on § 87(2)(6) and did not testify that an officer swung him (Board Review 17). testified that after officers took \$87(2)(6) into the hallway to arrest her, he and followed to try and free her. An officer told \$87(2)(6) to stop crying and s left arm. The officer held § 87(2)(6) s arms behind his back with his head against the wall just outside of the apartment door in the hallway. The officer brought back into the apartment and source pushed back against the officer. He broke free and ran back to the hallway. Three officers pushed \$87(2)(6) back into the front door of the apartment by his shoulders. \$87(2)(0) attempted to push back against the officers. An officer back hard by his shoulders causing him to move back into the apartment pushed § 87(2)(6) (Board Review 18). PO Kassane's, PO Krauss, and PO Acostavilla's BWC footage show that the three officers held and § 87(2)(b) back while \$87(206) was being arrested. The BWC footage shows that the officers held onto their arms and escorted them back into the apartment by walking them while holding onto their shoulders. At no point does an officer swing \$3000 and at no point does an officer shove (Board Review 03, 19, 20). PO Kassane's, PO Krauss', and PO Acostavilla's statements were generally consistent. Each officer testified that \$87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(6) attempted to get past them to approach § 87(2)(6) as she was being arrested. The officers held \$87(2)(6) and \$87(2)(6) back by their arms and escorted them back into the apartment. Each officer denied using force on \$87(2)(6) and denied seeing any other officer do so (**Board Review 04, 06, 05**). alleged that § 87(2)(6) told her that an officer swung him. § 87(2)(6) that an officer held him back from approaching \$3000 as she was being arrested, and \$3000

testified that the

| § 87(2)(b) alle | ged that an officer pushed him b | ack into the apartment. Each o | officer denied using any |
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| force \$87(2)(6) | eir statements are supported by t | the BWC, which shows that the simply held them back and es | e officers did not use any |
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| hav • PO | Civilian and s is the first CCRB complaint to be been a party (Board Review 2) Garcia has been a member of secutional CCRB complaints 18 alle | 1). rvice for two years and has be | pending investigation. |
| | McLeish has been a member of itional CCRB complaints and ten | | |
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| § 87(2) | s complaint was not suitable for filed a Notice of Claim dical expenses, and emotional tra | with the City of New York cla | |
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